

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT MINUTES

Special Meeting

July 29, 2020

The Marion County Quorum Court held a special meeting on July 29, 2020, to discuss the on going budget situation in County General.

The prayer was led by Justice Brigham, and the Pledge by Justice Madden.

County Judge John Massey led the meeting. All justices with the exception of Justices Shipman and Scrima.

The ordinance to cut 10% across the board in County General was pulled by County Judge Massey.

Ordinance 2020-34 – 911 Fund Appropriations – Sponsored by Justice McCalla. This ordinance will provide three dispatchers to be paid from Fund 3020 – Marion County 911. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Mayo and seconded by Justice Vancuren. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2020-35 – To Delete Open Positions from County General Number and Compensation and a Wage Freeze – Sponsored by the Budget Committee. This ordinance allows for the removal of any open positions in County General numbers and compensation. Any positions that become vacant, will not be filled without permission of the Quorum Court. During the discussion portion for this ordinance, Justice Vancuren explained that over projections of revenues, and the carryover being added in twice, was the reason that County General is in trouble. County Judge Massey stated that the hiring freeze would not effect appointed Treasurer Carla Purdom, from filing the position created after her appointment and Ron McPherson's retirement. County Attorney, Sam Pasting pointed out that the Metro positions are contracted and is dedicated revenue and therefore should also be allowed to be filled as needed. The motion to adopt was made by Justice Vancuren and seconded by Justice Brigham. The motion passed unanimously.

There will be another Budget committee meeting on August 5 at 5:30 at the annex.

Justice Vancuren made a motion to be in recess until the August 11 Quorum Court meeting. Justice Brigham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed.

Approved: _____
John Massey, County Judge

Date: _____

Attest: _____

Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

ORDINANCE 2020-35

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THE FINANCIAL ISSUES WITH COUNTY GENERAL, AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES AND ALL OPEN POSITIONS.

ARTICLE 1: All currently open positions that are paid from County General shall be deleted from the Numbers and Compensation ordinance passed by this Court in late 2019. Upon effective date of this ordinance, no open/unfilled positions shall be filled.

ARTICLE 2: The existing compensation for county employees shall be frozen at their current rates.

ARTICLE 3: All ordinances not in conflict with this ordinance, shall be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 4, WHEREAS, THIS ORDINANCE IS CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS AND GOES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. THE EMERGENCY AT ISSUE RELATES TO THE CONTINUING BUDGET CONCERNS CREATED BY COVID-19 AND THE EXISTING ECONOMIC DAMAGE.

Passed and approved by the Quorum court of Marion County, AR and on this 29 day of July, 2020.

Approved: _____

John Massey, Marion County Judge

Attest: _____

Dawn Moffet, County and Circuit Clerk of Marion County

FILED FOR RECORD
at 122 o'clock P M

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Dawn Moffet
Marion County Clerk
D.C.

Sponsored by the Budget Committee

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT ROLL CALL RECORD

ORDINANCE 2020- 35

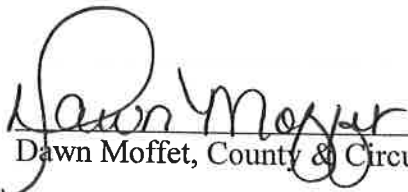
DATE: 7/29/2020

MOTION TO: Adopt

MOVED BY JUSTICE Vancuren

SECONDED BY JUSTICE Brigham

JUSTICES	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JUSTICE MICHAEL SCRIMA (District #1)				X
JUSTICE MARTY NICKELS (District #2)	X			
JUSTICE TALON VANCUREN (District #3)	X			
JUSTICE RICK WHITE (District #4)	X			
JUSTICE RAYMOND MAYO (District #5)	X			
JUSTICE BRADY MADDEN (District #6)	X			
JUSTICE WESLEY SHIPMAN (District #7)				X
JUSTICE CLAUDIA BRIGHAM (District #8)	X			
JUSTICE JOYCE MCCALLA (District #9)	X			
TOTALS	7			2


Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk

ORDINANCE 2020- 34

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 FOR MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

ARTICLE 1. WHEREAS, there is a need to appropriate money in fund 3020 Marion County 911 in the amount of \$47,220.11 above the current budgeted amount; therefore, raise anticipated revenue \$47,220.11 and appropriate as follows:

3020-0501 Marion County 911 Fund

1001	FULL TIME	ADD	\$33,660.00
1006	FICA MATCH	ADD	\$2574.99
1007	RETIREMENT MATCH	ADD	\$5156.72
1009	HEALTH INS MATCH	ADD	\$5828.40

Three dispatchers will be removed from 1000-0418 and moved to 3020- 911 Budget.

ARTICLE 2. This is an appropriation Ordinance and therefore, it is effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF Marion County, Arkansas on this 29 day of July, 2020.

APPROVED: _____

John Massey, Marion County Judge

ATTEST: _____

Dawn Moffet, Marion County & Circuit Clerk

Date: 7/29/2020

SPONSOR: _____

Justice McCalla

Date adopted: _____

7/29/2020

Votes for: 7 Votes against: _____ Abstain: _____

Present: 7 Absent: 2

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at 1257 o'clock P M

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Dawn Moffet
Marion County Clerk

Dawn Moffet D.C.

MARION COUNTY QUORUM COURT ROLL CALL RECORD

ORDINANCE 2020- 34

DATE: 7/29/2020

MOTION TO: Adopt

MOVED BY JUSTICE Mayo

SECONDED BY JUSTICE Vancuren

JUSTICES	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JUSTICE MICHAEL SCRIMA (District #1)				X
JUSTICE MARTY NICKELS (District #2)	X			
JUSTICE TALON VANCUREN (District #3)	X			
JUSTICE RICK WHITE (District #4)	X			
JUSTICE RAYMOND MAYO (District #5)	X			
JUSTICE BRADY MADDEN (District #6)	X			
JUSTICE WESLEY SHIPMAN (District #7)				X
JUSTICE CLAUDIA BRIGHAM (District #8)	X			
JUSTICE JOYCE MCCALLA (District #9)	X			
TOTALS	7			2


Dawn Moffet, County & Circuit Clerk